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TAGS: PINT, GW
SUBJECT: BADEN-WUERTTEMBERG'S CDU NOMINATES SPAETH

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1. SPAETH IS NOMINATED* THE CDU LANDTAG FACTION TODAY SELECTED
MINISTER OF INTERIOR LOTHAR SPAETH AS THE PARTY'S NOMINEE
TO SUCCEED HANS FILBINGER AS BADEN-WUERTTEMBERG'S MINISTER-
PRESIDENT. THE NOMINATION, OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCED AT 3:30 P.M.,
RESULTED FROM A FIRST-ROUND, SOLID MAJORITY VOTE IN FAVOR OF
SPAETH. THE TALLY WAS 42 FOR SPAETH, 27 FOR ROMMEL WITH 2
ABSTENTIONS. WHILE SPAETH HAD BEEN THE FAVORITE FROM THE VERY
BEGINNING IN HIS RACE WITH ROMMEL, THE EXTENT TO WHICH THE
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PARTY HAD CONSOLIDATED ITS SUPPORT FOR SPAETH EXCEEDED MOST
EXPECTATIONS. SPAETH MAY HAVE BEEN HELPED TO SOME DEGREE BY
A LANDESVORSTAND (STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE) ANNOUNCEMENT AT
2:30 P.M. THAT HE WAS THEIR FAVORITE BY A SIZEABLE MAJORITY.

2. IN MAKING THE ANNOUNCEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE CDU, FACTION
LEADER ERWIN TEUFEL STATED THAT THE PARTY HAD ARRIVED AT ITS

DECISION BY TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE PREFERENCES EXPRESSED AT PARTY MEETINGS THROUGHOUT BADEN-WUERTTEMBERG. IN A SHORT ACCEPTANCE SPEECH, SPAETH EMPHASIZED THAT HIS SUCCESSION OF FILBINGER DOES NOT IN ANY WAY SIGNAL A BREAK WITH THE PAST POLICIES OF THE CDU AND HE LOOKED FORWARD TO WORKING CLOSELY WITH FILBINGER IN THEIR "FIGHT" FOR MUTUAL GOALS. SPAETH THANKED ROMMEL FOR RUNNING A HARD, BUT FAIR "ELECTION CAMPAIGN", AND INDICATED THAT THEY BOTH WERE IN AGREEMENT THAT WHO EVER WON THE NOMINATION THEIR FRIENDSHIP WOULD PREVAIL.

3. FILBINGER ALSO SPOKE A FEW WORDS. HE CONGRATULATED SPAETH AND GAVE HIS ASSURANCES THAT SPAETH COULD RELY ON HIM AND WILL HAVE HIS CONFIDENCE.

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